



# Prekindergarten in Texas

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# Prekindergarten Landscape

- Prekindergarten programs and eligibility criteria
- High-Quality prekindergarten
- Prekindergarten enrollment data
- Prekindergarten funding



# Are districts required to have a prekindergarten program?

**Yes**, if a district identifies 15 or more eligible children who are at least four years of age by September 1 of the current school year.

A school district **may** offer prekindergarten classes if the district identifies 15 or more eligible children who are at least three years of age. (TEC 29.153)

# Prekindergarten Eligibility



# Who is eligible for public school prekindergarten?

To be eligible for enrollment in a prekindergarten class, a child must be at least three years of age as of September 1 of the current school year (if a 3-year-old program is available) or four years of age as of September 1 of the current school year (if only a 4-year-old program is available) **and meet at least one of the state eligibility requirements.**

# State Prekindergarten Eligibility Criteria

- is unable to speak and comprehend the English language; or
- is educationally disadvantaged (which means a student eligible to participate in the national free or reduced-price lunch program... guidelines can be found here); or
- is homeless, as defined by 42 U.S.C. Section 1143a, regardless of the residence of the child, of either parent of the child, or of the child's guardian or other person having lawful control of the child; or
- is the child of an active duty member of the armed forces of the United States, including the state military forces or a reserve component of the armed forces, who is ordered to active duty by proper authority; or
- is the child of a member of the armed forces of the United States, including the state military forces or a reserve component of the armed forces, who was injured or killed while serving on active duty; or
- is or ever has been in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services (foster care) following an adversary hearing held as provided by Section 262.201, Family Code; or
- is the child of a person eligible for the Star of Texas Award as: a peace officer under Section 3106.002, Government Code; a firefighter under Section 3106.003, Government Code; or an emergency medical first responder under Section 3106.004, Government Code.

# High-Quality Prekindergarten Programs

# High-Quality Components

- Curriculum
- Student Progress Monitoring
- Teacher Qualifications and Professional Development
- Teacher to Student Ratio
- Family Engagement
- Program Evaluation
- Data Reporting



# Prekindergarten Data

# Prekindergarten Enrollment

## 2017-2018

	Total Enrolled	ADA Eligible	Not Eligible for ADA
Age 3	32,568	31,109	1,459
Age 4	198,917	186,594	12,323
Total	231,485	217,703	13,782

## Enrollment Trends

	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
Age 3	22,138	24,319	25,779	27,588	32,568
Age 4	203,276	195,349	194,861	196,526	198,917
Total	225,414	219,668	220,640	224,114	231,485

# Percent of Eligible Prekindergarten Students Enrolled

## Percent Enrollment Trends

	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
Eligible 3-year-olds	9%	10%	12%
Eligible 4-year-olds	66%	67%	72%

# Prekindergarten Enrollment – Race/Ethnicity

Ethnicity/Race	Students Enrolled	Percentage of Students
American Indian or Native Alaskan	705	0.3%
Asian	8,403	3.6%
Black or African American	34,374	14.9%
Hispanic/Latino	149,047	64.4%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	291	0.1%
Two or more races	4,601	2.0%
White	34,064	14.7%

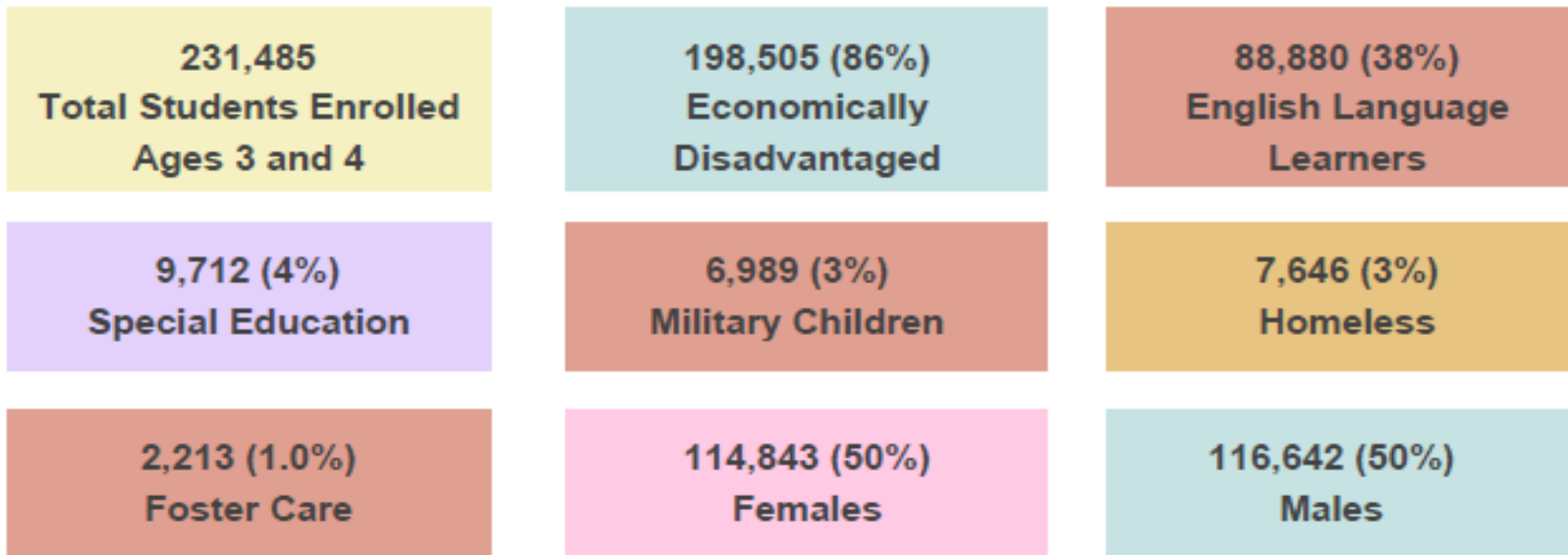


# Prekindergarten Enrollment – Student Status

Student Status	Enrollment Number
Economically Disadvantaged	198,505
English Language Learners	88,880
Special Education	9,712
Military	6,989
Homeless	7,646
Foster Care	2,213
Total	231,485

# Prekindergarten Enrollment – Student Status

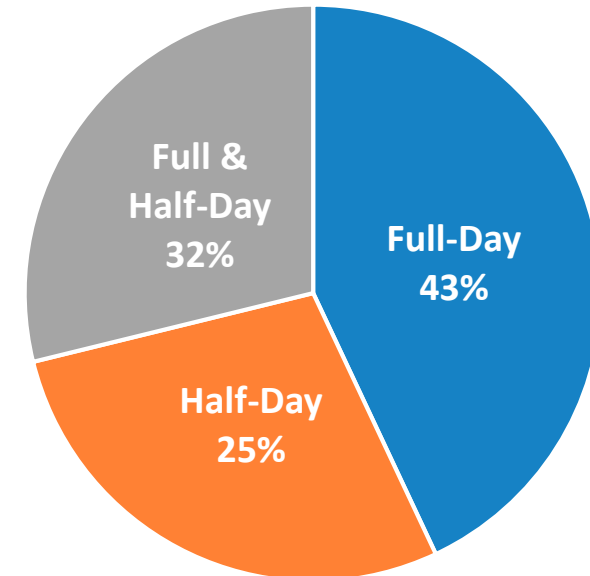
## Public Prekindergarten Enrollment for 2017-18 School Year



# Availability of Half-day and Full-day

Type of Program	Number of districts providing prekindergarten
Full-day only	457
Half-day only	262
Full and half-day	339
Total	1,058

Districts Providing Pre-k



# Prekindergarten Funding





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The Foundation School Program currently pays for half-day prekindergarten. Full-day prekindergarten programs are funded locally through other sources of revenue.



# Prekindergarten Funding

	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
Foundation School Program	\$768,647,078	\$753,101,324	\$820,688,431	\$784,535,287	\$822,158,971
Supplemental Funding for Prekindergarten	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000	
High-Quality Prekindergarten Grant				\$118,000,000	

# Key Take-Aways

- Prekindergarten programs and eligibility criteria
- High-quality prekindergarten components
- Prekindergarten enrollment data
- State prekindergarten funding

# Questions

